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FOR AMBASSADOR BUNKER FROM AMBASSADOR JORDEN

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR PN
SUBJ: REVISION OF SEA-LEVEL OPTION

REF: BUNKER-JORDEN TELECON

1. FOLLOWING OUR CONVERSATION, I WAS ABLE TO CONTACT GENERAL TORRIJOS THROUGH AMBASSADOR LEWIS WHO WAS WITH HIM IN FARALLON. I RAISED SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE CHANGE IN SEA-LEVEL OPTION PARAGRAPH, EMPHASIZING THAT WE DID NOT THEREBY WISH IN ANY WAY TO OPEN POSSIBILITY OF ANY FURTHER REVISIONS IN OTHER ARTICLES. I EXPLAINED WHAT WE HAD IN MIND -- RETAINING PRESENT AGREED PARAGRAPH, ADDING FIRST PARAGRAPH FROM U.S. DRAFT AND ADDING, ALSO, THE PARAGRAPH COVERING PANAMANIAN DESIRES RE THIRD COUNTRIES. AFTER BRIEF CONSULTATION, GENERAL TORRIJOS AGREED TO THIS CHANGE. I HAD EXPLAINED THAT IT MIGHT HAVE FAVORABLE EFFECT ON THINKING, AND THEREFORE VOTES, OF A FEW SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN. SINCE WE DID NOT HAVE ANY DRAFT WORDING OF PANAMANIAN ARTICLE -- WHICH WAS GIVEN TO US INFORMALLY LAST FRIDAY -- TORRIJOS ASKED DIOGENES DE LA ROSA TO GET WORDING TO ME. HE HAS JUST DONE SO.

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WM UNDER PROPOSED REVISION, FIRST PARAGRAPH OF ARTICLE WOULD BE AS AGREED COMMENCING QUOTE THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA AND UNQUOTE AND ENDING QUOTE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WATERWAY." SECOND PARA WOULD BE FROM U.S. DRAFT COMMENCING QUOTE NO NEW INTEROCEANIC XXX ETC. UNQUOTE AND ENDING QUOTE XXX MAY OTHERWISE AGREE. UNQUOTE FINAL PARAGRAPH, AS PROVIDED BY DE LA ROSA, WOULD READ: QUOTE DURING THE

LIFETIME OF THE CANAL TREATY, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
WILL NOT NEGOTIATE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES THE CONSTRUCTION
OF AN INTEROCEANIC CANAL THROUGH ANY OTHER ROUTE IN THE
TERRITORY OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE."

3. THE LAST TWO PARAGRAPHS COULD BE SEPARATE PARAS OR,
AS DE LA ROSA HAS SUGGESTED, BE COMBINED INTO ONE AS
FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA ARE AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING: (A) (U.S. PARA) AND
(B) PANAMANIAN PARA.

4. PLEASE INFORM ME IF IT IS DECIDED TO GO THIS ROUTE SO
I CAN INFORM TREATY DRAFTERS TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.
JORDEN

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